

Arizona Prepares

Preparing Our Schools

Existing Emergency Response Plans

- Incorporate pandemic measures into current all hazards emergency planning activities
 - Preparedness
 - Mitigation
 - Response
 - Recovery

Pandemic Specific Considerations

■ Preparedness

- Ensure school emergency planning team includes all appropriate agencies to address a pandemic
- Develop plans and procedures to address a pandemic outbreak
- Implement the Incident Command System (ICS) to respond to emergencies (if not already in place)

Pandemic Specific Considerations

■ Mitigation

- Educate students, staff and families on recognizing flu symptoms
- Educate students, staff and families on measures to minimize the spread of disease
- Develop system to alert local health department of unusual absenteeism rates (if not already in place)

Pandemic Specific Considerations

■ Response

- Implement measures to minimize the further spread of disease
- Implement measures to address potential loss of significant class time by students and/or staff due to illness

Pandemic Specific Considerations

■ Recovery

- Review existing psychological recovery plans to ensure adequate capacity to address substantial numbers of severely ill and loss of life

Resources

- **County health department**
- County and local emergency management agencies
- County and local emergency response agencies (i.e. fire, law enforcement, Red Cross, etc...)
- Local business and community organizations
- Arizona Department of Education and Arizona Division of Emergency Management

Resources

Arizona Department of Education
School Safety Plans and Resources

<http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/health/schoolsafety/plansresources.asp>

Multi Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools
Course

<http://www.dem.state.az.us/preparedness/MHSPS2004/multihazardschool.htm>

US Department of Education, Emergency Planning

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html>

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Training

http://www.fema.gov/tab_education.shtm

Thank You

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